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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-26 were originally filed in the present Application. In response to a Restriction Requirement made in the pending Office Action, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group I, claims 16-26, in the present Application, and has withdrawn Group II, claims 1-15, from consideration at this time.

I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement in the present Application, and has required the Applicant to elect from two groups of claims, as set forth below:

Group I - Claims 16-26, drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II - Claims 1-15, drawn to a method of making a semiconductor device.

The Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute Group I, claims 16-26, in the present Application. In addition, the Applicants have canceled Group II, claims 1-15, from further consideration at this time, without prejudice or disclaimer.

II. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 16-26 are in condition for allowance, and request a Notice of Allowability for the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Attorney of Record if such would expedite the prosecution of the present Application. The one-month response deadline is set to expire on December 14, 2005. As a result, no extension fee is believed due with this filing. However, if a fee is determined to be due, the Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the

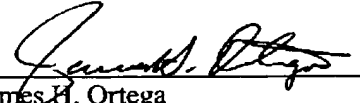
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necessary amount to Deposit Account No. 13-0480, referencing the Attorney Docket Number specified herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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